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SUBJECT: FEDERATION OF LABOUR (FOL) ANNUAL CONFERENCE

1. FOL SECRETARY JIM KNOX HAS REQUESTED EMBASSY GOOD OFFICES IN INFORMING AFL-CIO OF ANNUAL FOL CONFERENCE WHICH WILL TAKE PLACE MAY 6-12 IN WELLINGTON. KNOX VERY MUCH WANTS TO SEE AFL-CIO REPRESENTATION AT CONFERENCE BUT FOL, IN KEEPING WITH TRADITION, IS UNLIKELY ISSUE INVITATIONS TO FRATERNAL DELEGATES. FAILURE TO ISSUE INVITATIONS STEMS FROM FOL FEAR OF EMBARRASSMENT SHOULD FRATERNAL DELEGATES EXPECT FOL TO PAY TRANSPORTATION AND OTHER EXPENSES. WHILE FOL IS ABLE PICK UP SOME LOCAL EXPENSES ITS BUDGET TOTALLY INADEQUATE TO PAY FOR INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORTATION. BECAUSE OF THIS PROBLEM FOL GOES THROUGH PROCESS OF MAKING DATES OF CONFERENCE KNOWN TO LIKELY INTERESTED NATIONAL TRADE UNION CENTERS. THOSE CENTERS THAT INDICATE A REPRESENTATIVE MAY BE IN WELLINGTON DURING CONFERENCE PERIOD ARE THEN EXTENDED INVITATION TO ATTEND AS FRATERNAL DELEGATES. (FYI KNOX SAID JACK JONES OF BRITISH TUC WILL BE ATTENDING CONFERENCE. ALSO, LEFT WING UNIONS ALMOST INVARIABLY INSURE PRESENCE IN WELLINGTON OF SOVIET DELEGATION DURING CONFERENCE PERIOD.)

2. EMBASSY BELIEVES PRESENCE OF AMERICAN TRADE UNIONIST
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WOULD BE EXTREMELY USEFUL. IF NEW ZEALAND ONLY TRIP

IMPOSSIBLE, SUGGEST THAT VISIT BE DOVETAILED WITH TRIP
TO AUSTRALIA AND SOUTHEAST ASIAN COUNTRIES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT PASS ABOVE TO
AFL-CIO INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT.
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